

IN THE U. S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Jean-Pierre MARC et al.

Conf. 4061

Application No. 10/562,682

Group 3679

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Examiner Fannie C Kee

LOCKING DEVICE AND PIPE COUPLING PROVIDED THEREWITH

AMENDMENT

October 21, 2010

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 12, 2010,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing
of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.